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DELAWARE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

DECEMBER 9, 2004 MEETING

APPROVED January 13, 2005

The Delaware Board of Dental Examiners held a meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Members present: Thomas W. Mercer, DMD, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Robert P. Marier, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary
Kimberly A. Hickman-Bowen, RDH, MA, Professional Member
Robert R. Hoopes, DDS, Professional Member
John M. Kirby, Public Member
Wanda G. Smith, DDS, Professional Member
Kimberly S. Vincent, Public Member
David S. Williams, DMD, Professional Member
Fay S. Rust, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Laura Leary, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
William H. Daisey, Public Member
Debora Mause, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member

Also Present: Michael Tischer, Deputy Attorney General
Kay Warren, Deputy Director, Division of Professional Regulations
Dr. Gregory McClure, Delaware Division of Public Health
Melissa Wheatley, Administrative Specialist II

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Mercer introduced Ms. Debora Mause, RDH as the new hygiene advisory member of the Dental Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Marier and seconded by Dr. Williams to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2004 meeting as submitted. The motion was unanimously carried.

SENATE BILL 229 – SUBSTANTIALLY-RELATED CRIMES

The Board reviewed the final draft of proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations defining eligibility to take the Dental Clinical Exam and crimes substantially related to the practice of dentistry. Ms. Hickman-Bowen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Williams, to accept the draft of proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations. The motion was unanimously carried.

RECORDS RETENTION BILL

Dr. Mercer and the Board discussed the purpose of the Records Retention Bill that the Board will be introducing. Mr. Tischer stated that the Division of Professional Regulation will endeavor to find a sponsor for the bill so that it may be introduced during the 143rd General Assembly. Dr. Hoopes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hickman-Bowen, to approve the final draft of the bill. The motion was unanimously carried. Dr. Marier will work with Ms. Wheatley to draft a letter of support for the bill to be forwarded to the Division of Professional Regulation.

CHARITY LICENSES

Dr. Mercer informed the board of his discussion with Dr. Robert Director of the Delaware State Dental Society regarding the intention of the Dental Society to propose charity license legislation. After discussing the pro and cons of introducing the bill, the Board determined that if put forth the charity license bill, it would be left in an awkward position. They suggested that the bill be put forth by the Dental Society. Ms. Warren suggested that the Dental Society may be guided by reviewing the similar bill passed for the Medical Board.

REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSURE BY RECIPROCITY

Ms. Hickman-Bowen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vincent, to accept Judith O'Connor for dental hygiene licensure by reciprocity contingent upon her passing the jurisprudence exam. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Hickman-Bowen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rust, to accept Stephanie Grimm-Graham for dental hygiene licensure by reciprocity contingent upon her passing the jurisprudence exam. The motion was carried unanimously.

CLOSED INVESTIGATIONS

- Complaint #09-13-04 – Dr. Marier – Concurred

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Correspondence from Dr. Duane Keller – The Board determined that Dr. Keller was not requesting continuing education credit but was looking for an endorsement of his product. The Board does not take a position on products. Ms. Wheatley will draft a letter to Dr. Keller on behalf of the Board stating the Board's position.

Letter from Omega Endodontics Requesting Credit for Continuing Education – A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Marier, to grant six (6) hours of credit per presentation to dentists who attend. The motion was unanimously carried.

Letter from Eileen Hession, RDH, Requesting Credit for Del Tech Course – A letter will be drafted by Ms. Wheatley to Ms. Hession stating that each course will need to be evaluated on an individual basis. Ms. Hession will need to submit the course syllabus as well as proof of completion and the number of hours of credit she is requesting for each course.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Dr. Gregory McClure discussed the outcome of the Oral Health Summit held on December 7, 2004. The topics of the summit included access to care, oral health care, and state oral health plans presentations.

SCHEDULED NEXT MEETING

The Board will hold their next meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room A of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Ms. Hickman-Bowen and seconded by Mr. Kirby to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa L. Wheatley, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Dental Examiners